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JUNE 26, 1978

REFERENCE: GENEVA 12003 (77); GENEVA 12002 (77)

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1. SECOND UNCTAD PREPARATORY MEETING ON PHOSPHATES WAS
CONVENED AND PROMPTLY CONCLUDED ON JUNE 26, 1978. WHEN IT
BECAME EVIDENT THAT MOROCCO WOULD AGAIN NOT ATTEND AND THAT
USSR WAS PLANNING ONLY TO SEND AN OBSERVER FROM GENEVA
MISSION LATER IN WEEK, A CLEAR CONSENSUS DEVELOPED AMONG
CONSUMERS AND PRODUCERS PRESENT THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE
WOULD BE SERVED BY CONTINUING THE MEETING. AGREEMENT THEN

WAS QUICKLY AND EASILY REACHED ON A SHORT FINAL REPORT ,
(SEE PARA. 3).

2. COMMENT: THIS ONE-DAY DENOUEMENT COMES AS LITTLE SURPRISE GIVEN MOROCCO'S NO-SHOW AT THE FIRST PHOSPHATE PREPARATORY IN DECEMBER 1977. IT DOES, HOWEVER, FOLLOW QUIET APPROACHES TO THE GOM BY SEVERAL OTHER PRODUCER GOVERNMENTS AND A LETTER OF INVITATION DIRECTLY FROM THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT (TO WHICH GOM REPORTEDLY DID NOT RESPOND). WHILE TECHNICALLY LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN FOR A FUTURE MEETING, THE FINAL REPORT IN EFFECT PLACES PHOSPHATES IN THE GROUP OF LARGELY MORIBUND COMMODITIES WITHIN UNCTAD'S INTEGRATED PROGRAM.

3. TEXT OF RECOMMENDATIONS: "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING ON PHOSPHATES, AND THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS AS ADOPTED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE AT ITS FIFTH SESSION, THE SECOND PREPARATORY MEETING ON PHOSPHATES WAS CONVENED AT THE LEVEL OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS ON 26 JUNE 1978.

"IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT GOVERNMENTS OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES COLLECTIVELY ACCOUNTING FOR A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN PHOSPHATES WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, IT DECIDED THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED BY UNDERTAKING THE FURTHER EXAMINATION AND

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ANALYSIS OF THE SITUATION AND PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD PHOSPHATE MARKET AND THE INITIATION OF THE COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS OF RELEVANT INFORMATION AND STATISTICAL DATA, AS ENVISAGED IN THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING ON PHOSPHATES.

"ACCORDINGLY, THE MEETING WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO CONSIDER WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS MIGHT BE MADE ON APPROPRIATE MEASURES AND TECHNIQUES FOR ATTAINING THE OBJECTIVES OF RESOLUTION 93(IV) IN RESPECT OF PHOSPHATES.

"IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MEETING DECIDED TO RECOMMEND TO THE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE IPC THAT IT CONSIDER THE SCHEDULING OF A FURTHER PREPARATORY MEETING ON PHOSPHATES TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE PROSPECTS OF ADEQUATE PARTICIPATION IN SUCH A FURTHER MEETING. VANDEN HEUVEL

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